

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the following arguments. By this Amendment claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice and claims 1, 12, 14, and 16 have been amended. Currently, claims 1-12 and 14-16 are pending in this application.

Interview

Examiner Vu is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on Monday, August 23, 2004. During the interview, proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed and the rejection of claim 1 over Shah (U.S. Patent No. 6,041,325) in view of Henderson (U.S. Patent No. 5,726,979) was discussed. In particular, it was noted that the focus of the application is not simply on a CORBA bus, but rather should be on what the CORBA bus is being used to accomplish. In the previous response, applicant stressed that Shah fails to allow a client application to have "access" to the telephony resource. In the amended claims, applicant emphasizes this position by amending the claims to state that the CORBA bus is used "for provision of the computer telephony service by the computer telephony resource to the client application. Since Shah does not teach using a CORBA bus to provide computer telephony service to the client application, the combination of Shah and Henderson fails to render the claims, as amended obvious.

During the interview the Examiner agreed that the amendment appeared to overcome the combination of references, but also stated that he needed to review the references a second time prior to reaching a formal agreement. The Examiner and applicant's representative also discussed the possibility of having a second interview, if the Examiner decides to maintain the

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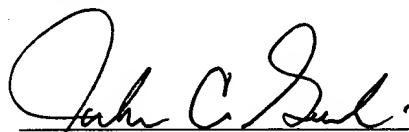
rejection. Accordingly, although it currently appears that the amended claims should be allowable over the art of record, if the Examiner feels that the claim amendments fail to overcome the rejection, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call applicant's representative at the number listed below to discuss this matter again.

Conclusion

In view of foregoing claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If any fees are due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502246 (Ref: NN-HU0125).

Respectfully Submitted



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